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ALIEN INVADERS

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EMERALD ASH BORER

Agrilus planipennis

Inset photo shows galleries made by the emerald ash borer under tree bark.

BASIC ID

Adult beetles are narrow, metallic green, and about ½" long. The worm-like larvae are cream colored, up to 1" long, and are found under the bark of ash trees.

HISTORY

Native to Asia, this insect was probably imported in cargo shipment packing material. It hasn't been found in Wisconsin, but occurs in Michigan, Ohio and Canada.

HABITS

Eggs are laid on ash trees in the summer. Larvae hatch and feed under the bark in the summer and fall. Adults emerge from trees in the spring through D-shaped exit holes, and can be seen from mid-May to late July. There is probably one generation per year.

MANAGEMENT

Contact the Plant Protection Section (DATCP) at 1-800-462-2803 or your regional DNR forest health specialist.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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